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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

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**REQUEST FOR FILING A CONTINUATION OR DIVISION  
OF AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION**

Sir:

This is a request for filing a ***continuation*** application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of pending prior international application number PCT/EP02/10725 filed on September 25, 2002 which designated the United States.

Inventor(s):

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Title: **CONTROL DEVICE**

### **APPLICATION ELEMENTS:**

(1)  Patent Application Specification, including Abstract and claims - **20** pages  
(2)  **Four (4)** sheet(s) of **formal drawings**, together with transmittal letter  
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- c. [ ] Deletion of inventor(s) – signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application.

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(6) [ ] Assignment document

- a. [ ] Newly executed (with \$40.00 recordal fee) and separate transmittal Form PTO-1595
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(7) [ ] Preliminary Amendment

(8) [ ] Certified Copy of Priority Document, together with separate transmittal letter

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(12) [X] Application Data Sheet

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(14) [ X ] Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

**"This application is a continuation of international application number PCT/EP02/10725 filed on September 25, 2002."**

(15) [ X ] This application claims the benefit of German Patent Application No. 101 49 390.8 filed September 28, 2001.

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(17) [ X ] Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Sections 1.10 and 1.53, Applicant respectfully requests that this application be assigned a serial number and a filing date of March 24, 2004, the date upon which the application was mailed to the Patent and Trademark Office by Express Mail (No. EV 129898429 US).

Respectfully submitted,



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- Transmittal Letter (Request for Filing a Continuation or Division of an International Application), with attachment - 3 pages total;
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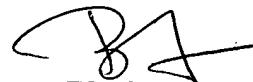
**TRANSMITTAL OF FORMAL DRAWINGS**

Dear Sir:

Enclosed are four (4) sheets of formal drawings for filing in the above-referenced patent application.

Please advise the undersigned attorney if correction is necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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